



Frequently Asked Questions about the Reduction of Federal Unemployment Benefits due to Sequestration

Due to automatic federal spending cuts, known as sequestration, beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments of Federally Extended Unemployment Insurance benefits, also known as EEUC, or weeks 27-63 of benefits, will be reduced by 10.7% as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. This reduction will remain in effect for each week through the end of September 2013. Regular State Unemployment Insurance benefits, or weeks 1-26, will not be affected.

What is the difference between Regular State Unemployment benefits and Federally Extended benefits?

- Regular State Unemployment benefits are the first 26 weeks of benefits.
- Federally Extended Unemployment benefits (also known as EEUC) are weeks 27-63 of benefits.

How do I know if I'm receiving Federally Extended benefits?

If you are receiving Federally Extended benefits, under the column "Program" on your Uplink® homepage:

- "EEUC" will be listed and under the column "Status,"
- "Open" will be displayed, meaning your EEUC claim is open.
- If you are currently receiving Regular State benefits, under the column "Program," "UI" will be listed and under the column "Status," "Open" will be displayed, meaning your Regular State benefit claim is still open.

Why is this happening?

Due to automatic federal spending cuts, known as sequestration, the U.S. Department of Labor has ordered the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to begin reducing weekly payments of Federally Extended Unemployment benefits by 10.7% as soon as possible. DWD will begin paying the reduced weekly amount as ordered beginning Monday, April 8, 2013.

When will the reduction of Federally Extended Unemployment benefits begin?

Beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments will be reduced.

By how much will Federally Extended benefits be reduced?

Beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments will be reduced by 10.7%.

How long will Federally Extended benefits be reduced?

The weekly reduction in benefits will be in effect until September, 2013. You should visit your Uplink® homepage or the DWD website, www.in.gov/dwd weekly for updated information.

How much will my weekly benefits be?

You can estimate your reduced weekly benefit amount by multiplying your previous weekly benefit amount by 0.893. For example, if your normal weekly benefit amount is \$275: $\$275 \times 0.893 = \245.57 . Your reduced weekly benefit payment would be \$245.57. The amount will always be rounded down to the next lower cent.

If I am receiving Regular State benefits, how will I know how many weeks of benefits I have remaining?

To Calculate Remaining Weeks of Benefits:

1. Find the column labeled "Status".
2. In the "Status" column, locate a row labeled "Open" that has a remaining balance.
3. Divide the amount listed under "Remaining Balance" by the number in that same row under the "Weekly Benefits" column.

4. The result is the number of weeks of benefits you have left.

Using the example above, the calculation should look like this:

Remaining Balance (\$2,808.00) / Weekly Benefit (\$108.00) = Weeks of Benefits Remaining (26)

How will I know if or when the situation changes?

Hoosiers should visit their Uplink® homepage and DWD's website, www.in.gov/dwd for the latest updates on Federally Extended benefits.